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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Office Action of May 12, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration. Claims 1-27 and 37-39 are currently pending. The application as presented is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112

The Office Action rejected claims 37-39 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, asserting that it is unclear where in the original disclosure explicit support for simultaneous access by multiple users may be found. *See* Office Action, ¶3, page 2. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. Support for claims 37-39 may be found in Applicant's specification at, *inter alia*, page 35, lines 9-21, which states in part, "[f]or example, enterprise storage management console